



By the King.

A Proclamation for the better furnishing of the  
Nauy, and increase of Shipping.



Whereas the small allowance of Pay to the Sailers serving in the Kings Shippes, is obserued to be a chiefe occasion why the said Shippes haue not bene, nor could bee so speedily and so well Manned as is requisite, both for his Maiesties service, and the good of the State, especially in these times, when they are to be employed for the repressing and pursuing of forreine enemies, infesting the Coasts, and endammaging his Maiesties Subjects, as also in regard of other important seruices, which being propounded by the Lord Admirall to the rest of the Lords of his Maiesties Priue Counsell at the Board, and it being mooued by his Lordship, that with their approbation his Maiestie might bee mooued, that the Medium of allowance for euery Saylor might be Twentie shillings a Moneth, whereas now it is but fourteene shillings, By which meanes there will accrue to euery ordinary man Fourteene shillings a Moneth, besides an allowance out of it, of foure pence to a Preacher, two pence to a Barber, and sixe pence a Moneth to the Chest, whereas the ordinary men haue now but Nine shillings foure pence a Moneth, and no allowance at all giuen to a Preacher, Out of the surplusage of which proportion now mooued to be increased, all Officers wages would be likewise respectiueley raised, and allowance also might be giuen for a Lieuutenant and a Corporall. which motion so made by the Lord Admirall, the rest of the Lords hauing taken into their serious consideration, and well weighed both the proportion and the reasons whereupon it was grounded, did thinke it very fit that his Maiestie should be mooued therein, to the end his Maiestie might bee pleased to Command that the same might be accordingly put in execution.





And His Maiestie, being thereupon moued by the Lords of His Prīue Counsell, out of His gracious disposition to encourage the poore Saylers cheerefully, and faithfully to serue Him, hath bene well pleased to enlarge the Entertainment, and Allowance heeretofore giuen to the Saylers; And doeth hereby publish and declare, and doeth also promise and vnder take, That from hencefoorth euery Sayler, which shall be imployed in any of His Maiesties Ships, shall haue such allowance made, and duely payd vnto him, as was propounded by the Lord Admirall, as aforesayd. And His Maiestie, by the like aduice of His Prīue Counsell, doth straitly charge and command, That no Merchants, or Owners of Ships, shall draw away any Saylers, by enhaunking of their pay, lest thereby His Maiesties Seruice, and the Seruice of the Publique, doe suffer prejudice: Neuerthelesse, His Maiestie is very well contented, That they who trade into very remote Countreyes, as into Muscouia, and more particularly, they of the East India Company, (who cannot alwayes furnish their Shippes with men at ordinary Rates, for Voyages of that length and danger) may haue libertie to vse meanes for the accomodating of themselves in that behalfe, in the best manner they can.

And lastly, Whereas in the time of the reigne of the late Queene Elizabeth of famous memorie, for the better encouraging of the Ship-masters, and Merchants, to build Ships, there was an Order made, for the allowance of Five Shillings a Tunne to euery Ship aboue the burthen of one hundred Tunnnes, which should afterwards be built: which Order was by on the same reason reuoced by His late Maiestie of ever blessed memorie, King James; His Maiestie being desirous to giue all encouragement, for the encreasing of the number and strength of the Shippes of this Kingdome, by the like aduice of His Prīue Counsell, Is well pleased, and doeth hereby publish and declare, and doeth promise and vnder take, That His Maiestie, for and vnto euery Ship, which shall from hencefoorth bee built, of the burthen of two hundred Tunnnes or vpwāds, shall and will giue, and duely pay an allowance of Five Shillings for euery Tunne.

Giuen at His Maiesties Court at White-Hall, the foure and twentieth day of Aprill, in the second yeere of His Reigne.

God saue the King.



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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.  
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